



Health Services
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**GIFTS AND DONATIONS TO
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
(1st District) (3 Votes)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and instruct the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to sign the donation and acceptance agreement with the American Heart Association (AHA), Western States Affiliate, (Exhibit I) for a 12-Lead ECG Receiving Station for LAC+USC Medical Center under the Wallis Annenberg Heart Program, valued at \$12,795.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Approval of the recommended action will allow the AHA, Western States Affiliate, to donate one 12-Lead ECG Receiving Station to LAC+USC Medical Center under the Wallis Annenberg Heart Program (Program).

Nearly 20% of the 650 daily calls in Los Angeles County for paramedics are related to cardiac chest pain. The donation of the 12-Lead ECG Receiving Station to LAC+USC Medical Center will allow the paramedics to determine in a very short period of time (two minutes) whether a patient has experienced an acute heart attack. This will facilitate instant triage, increased quality of care, improved efficiency, and a decrease in door-to-treatment time.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The 12-Lead ECG Receiving Station is covered for three years by the manufacturer's warranty at no cost, with an optional maintenance agreement for \$900 per year after the original three years (2009) to cover all problems and repairs with the software. LAC+USC Medical Center will cover this cost within existing appropriations.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Acceptance of this donation supports the County's Strategic Plan Goals for Service Excellence and Workforce Excellence. The donated 12-Lead ECG Receiving Station will enhance both the quality and productivity of services provided by LAC+USC Medical Center.

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Director and Chief Medical Officer

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FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The donation and acceptance agreement includes provisions to allow the AHA, with the cooperation of the County, to monitor and gather data to track the success of the Program, and develop a national model for emergency cardiac response in other metropolitan areas similar to Los Angeles County. The agreement also requires the County to maintain the Station and requires the County to mutually indemnify and defend the AHA, Western States Affiliate from all liability arising out of the County's use of the 12-Lead ECG Receiving Station, other than liability resulting from defects or malfunctions related to acts or omissions by the manufacturer.

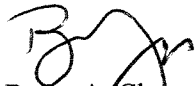
The donation agreement has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Acceptance of the donation will enhance LAC+USC Medical Center's quality of care for cardiac patients.

When approved, this Department requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,



Bruce A. Chernof, M.D.
Director and Chief Medical Officer

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Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

SUMMARY OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT

1. Type of Service:

Donation of 12-Lead ECG Receiving Station from AHA, Western States Affiliate to LAC+USC Medical Center under the Wallis Annenberg Heart Program.

2. Agency Name/Address/Contact Person:

American Heart Association, Western States Affiliate
Tue Nguyen, Heart and Stroke Director
816 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, California 90017
Telephone: (213) 291-7000

3. Term:

Not applicable.

4. Financial Information:

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5. Geographical Area to be Served:

Countywide.

6. Accountable for Monitoring and Evaluation:

Eddie Vanlul
Pre-Hospital Care Coordinator
(323) 226-6674

7. Approvals:

LAC+USC Medical Center: Dave Runke, Chief Financial Officer

Contracts and Grants Division: Cara O'Neill, Chief

County Counsel (as to form): Elizabeth J. Friedman, Senior Deputy County Counsel